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Appointment of a — to examine and Report on Matters relating to Local Bodies in Mofussil orders regarding reduction and recoveries of fees from Local Bodies on account of Inspection of Public ~~works~~ Health Works by C P.H E. to Govt:

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Report of the Local Self-Government Committee, Bombay, 1939.
Recommendations in paragraph 116 of the-regarding reduction in charges levied by Government on local bodies in respect of Public Health Schemes.

Government of Bombay.

Public Works Department.
Circular No. 2952/36.
Bombay Castle, 16th January 1942.

Circular of Government.

In paragraph 116 of their Report the local self-Government Committee, Bombay 1939, have recommended that the scales of fees levied by Government on local bodies in respect of the Public schemes should be reduced as under:-

(a) the travelling allowance and halting x allowance of the Consulting Public Engineer to Government and such of his staff as accompany him charged for preliminary investigation of, and report on, a scheme should be foregone,

(b) the recovery of the estimated cost of survey (including the cost of the establishment engaged) when a detailed survey of a project is carried out by the Public Works Department should also be foregone;

(c) the charges of --

(i) 2½ per cent of the estimated cost of a project (less the amounts recovered for (a) and (b) above) for preparation of a project complete with all necessary drawings and estimates,

(ii) 1¼ per cent of the estimated cost of project for scrutiny thereof when prepared by a non-Govt. agency, and

(iii) 1¼ per cent. of the actual works outlay (exclusive of land compensation) for inspection of works by the consulting Public health Engineer to Govt. in the case of works executed through a non-Govt.

agency,
should be replaced by a scale of charges depending upon the estimated cost of the scheme, the scale being progressively reduced and brought down to about ½ per cent. for schemes costing say Rs. 7 lakhs and the maximum charges for very small schemes not exceeding 2 per cent;
(d) the maximum charge for the construction works through the agency of the Public Works Department for which establishment and tools and plant charges are levied at 15 per cent (inclusive) of 2½ per cent for preparation of a project with estimates should not be beyond 7½ per cent. in any case; and if the actual cost to Government exceeds the amount recovered from local bodies the excess should be treated a a grant to the local body concerned.
In connection with the question whether any restrictions should be imposed on local bodies in respect of financing capital works out of current revenue as suggested by the Committee in paragrahp 124 of tneir Report, the Conference of Local Bodies held in Poona on the 16th and 17th August 1940 have decided inter alia that there should be no percentage charge for the scrutiny of plans and estimates and inspection in respect of schemes for which a Government loan is applied for.

2. Government has given very careful consideration to the recommendations of the Committee and the decision of the Conference mentioned in the foregoing paragraph and has arrived at the conclusion that except in respect of the inspection of Public Health works constructed independently of

the Public Works Department by a local wholly or partially by raising money in the open market or by taking a loan from Government, which is obligatory on the part of the Consulting Public Health Engineer to Government under sub-rule III of Rule 12 of the Bombay Local Authorities Loans Rules, 1923, there is no case for either foregoing or reducing the charges levied at present on local bodies in respect of Public Health Schemes. As regards the inspection of the works in question Government is pleased to direct that it should be free but travelling and halting allowances of the Consulting Public Health Engineer and his staff calculated in accordance with the rules in force should be recovered from the local body concerned.

By order of the Governor of Bombay.

Sd/- R. H. Hammett

Deputy Secretary to Government.

G.C. No. 2952/36,P.W.D., dated the 16th January 1942.

To

The Finance Department.

The General Department.

All commissioners.

The Commissioner of Excise.

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

All Superintending Engineers.

The Electrical Engineer to Government.

The Director of Information.

The Director of Public Health for the Government of Bombay.

The Accountant General, Bombay.

All Collectors (with two spare copies for supply to District Local Boards and Municipalities under their jurisdiction.

The Examiner, Local Fund Accounts.

The Secretary, Board of Public Health Works.

The Director, Local Self-Government Institute.

All Executive Engineers.

The Consulting Public Health Engineer to Government

Professor V.G. Kale.

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Recoveries of fees from local bodies on account of inspection of Public Health Worksby the Consulting Public Health Engineers to Government and his staff.

Government of Bombay.

Public Works Department.

Resolution No. 2952/36.

Bombay Castle, 29th December 1942.

Letter from the Consulting Public Health Enginee r to Government (R.A. Collect reg. No. 7359, dated the 8th August 1942, as under:-

" I solicit a reference to the orders of Govt. issued in Government Circular, Public Works Department, No. 2952/36, dated the 16th January 1942; Please let me know whether the fees recoverable for 1941-42 from local bodies on accoun of inspection of their Public Health Works financed from lo n funds should be foregone. I shall also be gl d to kno fr m what date the orders take effect."

Letterfrom the Consulting Public Health Engineer to Government (R.A. Collett Eng.) No. 9127, dated the 2nd October 1942, as under:-

"I solicit a reference to my No. 7359, dated the 8th August 1942 and request you to pass early orders of Government in the matter

"2. The following Public Health Works financed from loan funds h ve been in progress during 1941-42 on whichh inspection charges at 1¼ per cent. on the actual works outlay, less less amount expended on land compensation, are recoverable as per previous Government orders

(1) Ahmedabad Suburban Drainage Scheme, II stage

(2) Bandra and Khar Drainage.

(3) Improvements to Panvel water supply.

(4) Improvements to Poona City water supply

high level scheme.

(5) Improvements to Sholapur water supply and drainage.

(6) Kapadwanj water supply filtration scheme.

"3 In fact the works as enumerated supra excepting Nos. (3) and (6) were undertaken for construction even before the year 1941-42 and have been in progress since then and the municipalities concerned have paid the charges for inspection on the actual expenditure involved up to the end of 31 st march 1941.

" are these charges now to be foregone in view of the orders contained in paragraph 2 of Government Circular Memorandum, Public Works Department, No. 2952/36, dated the 16th January 1942, and if so, from what date? I presume that I have to call from respective local bodies the expenditure booked on the schemes up till end of 15th January 1942 and then claims 1¼ per cent. centage charges thereon for inspection.

Kindly elucidate the matter and issue early order thereon".

RESOLUTION :- Government is pleased to direct th t the orders issued in paragraph 2 of Government Circular, No. 2952/36, dated the 16th January 1942, should be given effect to from the 1st April 1942. Fees from local bodies on account of the inspection their Public Health Works carried out by the Consulting Public Health Engineer to Government and his prior to that date should, therefore, be recovered.

By order ofthe governor of Bombay.

Sd/- A.H. Hammett.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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